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My dear Friend - It is time for me to comply with your wish to know how we got on in Manchester. Well, we got on very well. As I was asked by Mr Sullivan to accompany him there I found them about 11 o'clock on the Tuesday after I saw you, and we travelled by a new line which has been by Leicester & Matlock and runs through a very beautiful country the whole way - wooded, undulating & in Derbyshire quite hilly, rocky & romantic and so different as possible from the ordinary line from Liverpool which is generally flat & uninteresting. We had the carriage to ourselves the greater part of the way and Mr S. was in high spirits, ready to talk about the town & men to them his careful children through good for his speaking - a[illegible] operations, so that from a sense of duty I had to keep it a close game, though for our own gratification he could not have talked longer than I would have gladly listened to him. At Manchester we were met by a deputation of the United Kingdom (Temperance) Alliance - a most energetic body with

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ample fund supplied by voluntary subscriptions & princely donations – and of which he conducted to the best practice. They received him at the carriage door with an enthusiastic cheer & shout of welcome "William Lloyd Garrison!!!" and conveyed their party in two carriages to the Temperance Hotel, a stately building of solid slate character & admirably managed. Here they were entertained during their stay at the charge & I found them & my own and enjoyed myself very much. I thank her cheek at the Dennis which took place on Thursday was better than the one which you heard. On Friday he met a number of ladies & gentlemen at American Institution Ladies, Clerical & Lay – such as Rev Mr. Rev A. K. Foster, & Rev Chapman in the highest terms of approbation. I was not present on this occasion for I returned home on Friday not wishing to run the risk of burdening them with too much of my company. I heartily wish I had been equally excused the preceding Sunday when I volunteered to accompany Ern to Wat-

masters Abbey, & I suspect at the time that the occasion was a liberal one & that you were going in more than capacity than ordinary attendant. I afterwards on the same I had I my blunders was by far the most uncomfortable incident in my stay from home which was on the whole one of enjoyment as I rarely experience. If an Irishman has any sense of the things his constitutional impulsiveness is sure to be a perpetual source of mortification to him.

When I left on that evening I visited my way going to Temple Church and was told that Chaucer & Gower the Chaucer & I am here finding the house. I found Ad Lord - the Farmers were there - to was Miss F. Fuller one of the remaining 12 Lepics of the Declaration of Sentiments who told many droll stories & turned up again at the dinner at Mrs. Chester with some more. F. T's house is small but very neat & comfortably furnished [illegible] On Monday I accompanied Mrs Willard to the British Museum had a very good time while her brother & Francis went to Elliot & Fry. Baker Street to have his photographs taken by request.

In Newcastle & Edinburgh the reception I was favoured with was most cordial & flattering & in Edinburgh they gave me the Freedom of the City a very unusual compliment to a Foreigner. I had a letter from Frank today or two since. They go to the Highlands to day — or Monday to Inverness — & I think on the 27th or 28th to Paris, Switzerland, &c.

With kind regards to Mrs Cobb
I am Yours Truly
Richd Cobb

What a tremendous hoax the English are making about the Sultan!

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